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SUBJECT: MICOMBERO COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

1. PRESIDENT MICOMBERO, ACCOMPANIED BY MAJOR JOSEPH RWURI, NEW BRG MINISTER OF INTERIOR, DROPPED IN AT RESIDENCE UNANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT FOR GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS (SEE AIRGRAM).

2. MICOMBERO CONGRATULATED U.S. ON ITS PROMPT ACTION IN CALLING SC MEETING ON MID-EAST CRISIS AND PROPOSING CEASEFIRE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS BREAKING OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL HAD NOT REFLECTED WISH ON PART GRB TO SEE ISRAEL DISAPPEAR AS A NATION. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT PRESENT OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING WOULD BRING HOME TO ISRAELIS ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF THEIR EVACUATING "OCCUPIED" TERRITORIES. BURUNDI WOULD CONTINUE LEND EVERY POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO ARABS IN THIS CONTEXT.

3. MICOMBERO APPEARED ACCEPT AS FACT THAT EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS HAD INITIATED PRESENT HOSTILITIES, WHICH, HOWEVER, HE CONSIDERED FULLY JUSTIFIED BY ISRAELI INTRUSION.

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4. MESSAGE TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT FROM GRB VICE MIN

MOFA (ACTING FONMIN) IN NAME OF MICOMBERO WAS BROADCAST ON BURUNDI RADIO SAME EVENING. TOOK FULL PRO-ARAB STANCE, CALLING "ZIONISTS" AGGRESSORS IN PRESENT HOSTILITIES AND PROMISING BURUNDI'S WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF ARABS AGAINST ISRAELI POLICY OF "AGGRESSION, ADVENTURISM, AND EXPANSIONISM."

5. COMMENT: MICOMBERO OBVIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN CURRENT FIGHTING AND APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PERSONAL PLEAS FOR INTENSIFICATION U.S. EFFORTS TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION -- INCLUDING USUAL PRECONDITION OF RETURN OF ARAB TERRITORIES.
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